

Promotion of DARE—Drug Abuse Resistance Education—is one of the two most important components of Kids Day America. Before DARE was established in 1983, U.S. schools had virtually no formal program to teach children about the dangers of illegal drugs and provide them with the skills to resist drugs. The DARE program is a 17-week-long course taught from elementary to high school levels by specially trained police officers across the country. The program now reaches an estimated 26 million children in 75 percent of our nation's schools.

The other key component of Kids Day America is health care for children. This program recognizes that it is essential that our children receive the highest quality of health care and that is a goal to which I am unequivocally committed. I have strongly supported programs to make health insurance more widely available to children of the working poor—those whose parents fall in the vast chasm between Medicaid eligibility and the ability to afford private health insurance. The health of our nation's children is far too valuable to allow it to be threatened by the lack of adequate insurance coverage. The impact of poor health care is far greater for children than it is for adults: stunted growth, lifetime disabilities and even early death can result from failure to properly treat childhood disease. To allow innocent children to suffer when proper care is available is unconscionable.

Mr. Speaker, health and safety are key factors in the development of our children into active, productive adult citizens. If started in childhood, proper health and safety habits can be maintained for a lifetime. This event helps promote those values.

I ask my House Colleagues to join me in congratulating the sponsors of this event on their spirit of caring for our young people.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 23, 1998*

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, September 18, 1998, I was absent from the House due to a serious illness in my immediate family. As a result, I missed three rollcall votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "No" on rollcall vote number 450; "no" on rollcall vote number 451; and "aye" on rollcall vote number 452.

IN HONOR OF EDUARDO L. DURAN

### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 23, 1998*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an exceptional gentleman, Mr. Eduardo L. Duran, for his many years of honorable service to the community.

Mr. Eduardo L. Duran arrived in America 38 years ago in search of his long lost love and now wife Xiomara. Over the years, Mr. and

Mrs. Duran experienced economic and social struggles as they raised their four children. Their struggles were due to the inability of speaking English and leaving a successful business behind in their native land. Mr. Duran, after several business ventures, was fortunate and successful enough to have his wife dedicate herself to raising their children, Alexander, Diane, Eduardo II, and Claudia Tatiana. After establishing his businesses, Mr. Duran became involved in his community. He is a member of the Hispanic Mercantile Federation, active partner of the Cuban American Foundation, member of the Lions Club, and founding member of the Latin American Kiwanis Club of West New York.

Mr. Duran along with Jose Alvarado, Jorge Quintana, and Joseph Menendez helped found and charter the Latin American Kiwanis Club of West New York in February 15, 1995. Today, as one of the five Board of Trustee members, he holds the title of the second vice-president. The other trustees are his son Alexander, President; Robert Arreaga, first vice-president; Maria E. Smith, Secretary, and Maria Elena Pacheco, Treasurer. In my regards, Mr. Duran should be honored and recognized for his unique contributions to the community.

It is an honor to have an outstanding gentleman such as Mr. Eduardo L. Duran residing in my home state serving the residents of my district. I ask that my colleagues rise with me and applaud this remarkable example of community service at its best.

#### IN MEMORY OF REV. DONALD SELMER LINTVET

### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 23, 1998*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, recently, my hometown of Lexington, MO, lost one of its most beloved citizens. Rev. Donald Selmer Lintvet, 77, passed away at his home on August 13, 1998.

Rev. Don Lintvet was born in Hawley, MN, on March 4, 1921. He attended school there, and after graduating from Lake Park High School, he received degrees from the Industrial College of Minnesota and the Detroit Lakes Business College. In addition, he attended both Baylor University and Rockhurst College for several years, as well as Trinity Theological Seminary, San Francisco Seminary, and Toledo Bible College.

Don's studies were interrupted by his service to the United States in the U.S. Army. Immediately before World II, Don served as a finance officer in Panama at the Panama Canal Zone. During World War II, he served state-side in the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Benning, GA, the Paratrooper Division at Indianapolis, IN, and at Fort Hood, TX.

After the conclusion of the war, Don came to Lexington, MO, the hometown of his wife, George Lynn. In Lexington, he once again served in military uniform, as Assistant Commandant at Wentworth Military Academy. Soon thereafter, he was recalled to active duty by the Army during the Korean War.

For years, Don worked in the credit and banking industry. He worked at the Bureau of Internal Revenue and at Riss and Company in Kansas City. He was also employed for twenty years as a Retail Credit Manager at Western Auto in Kansas City. While working at Western Auto, Don was appointed Vice President of the International Consumers Credit Executive Association.

Don joined the Bank of Tulsa in 1968, and also served as Vice President of the Bank Americard (now known as VISA) Center for several years. In 1972, he instituted the Bank of Americard facility in St. Louis and oversaw the development of the facility. Later, Don joined the Noland Road Bank of Independence, MO, and became an executive member of the Board of Advisors to the Bank of America in San Francisco, CA.

Don Lintvet ended his active business career in 1979 due to health problems, however, his professional life took a turn which led him to the Christian Church. On October 10, 1980, Don was ordained as a minister in the Disciples of Christ church, and he served as a minister at churches in Lexington, Dover, Bates City, and Hardin. His most admired contribution to the ministry was as a volunteer chaplain at the Lafayette Regional Health Center. From 1980 to 1990, Don served more than 11,000 hours of volunteer service at the hospital.

Early in his life, Don played baseball for the minor league Fargo-Morehead Twins at Fargo, ND, and the major league Cleveland Indians, and of his many affiliations, Don enjoyed being on the committee of the Board of Amateur Sports Hall of Fame in Kansas City. He was also a music enthusiast and he was an active member of the Tulsa Opera Company and the Christian Church choir in Tulsa, OK. He was a 58-year member of the Masonic Lodge AM FM #149, a member of the Lexington American Legion/Thomas Cullom Post, and a member of the Masons in Balboa Canal Zone. In addition, Don was one of ten Missourians nominated for the Outstanding Senior Volunteer for the state of Missouri.

Don is survived by his wife, George Lynn, one son, one sister, two grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, one niece, two nephews, two great-nieces, and one great-nephew.

Mr. Speaker, Rev. Donald Lintvet was a man of honor and dignity. His service to his nation, to his community, and to his God are highly commendable. He is truly a role model for all Americans. I am certain that the Members of the House will join me in paying tribute to this honorable Missourian.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 23, 1998*

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote 450, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote 451, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote 452, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present I would have voted "no."